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United States Department of Justice

Washington Field Office  
Room 1706, U. S. Department  
of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.  
September 26, 1947

Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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Director, FBI

RE: TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE  
GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(ALGER HISS)

*Donoghue*

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the technical surveillance on this subject was discontinued at 2:10 P. M. September 13, 1947.

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The discontinuance was necessitated by the subject's moving to New York City. His new address is 22 East 8th Street, New York City.

Very truly yours, *65-56402-2852*

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*Guy Hottel*

SEP 27 1947



GUY HOTTEL  
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TO : The Director

DATE: September 23, 1947

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY;  
Espionage - R  
(Edward Joseph Fitzgerald)

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

*[Handwritten signature]*

You will recall that on September 10, 1947, the Bureau made available to Secretary of Commerce Harriman information concerning Fitzgerald, an employee in Harriman's Office, and a subject in the Gregory case.

Information has been received through a technical source on the residence of Irving Kaplan, another subject, on September 22, 1947, that Kaplan while contacting Fitzgerald learned that Fitzgerald had resigned from the Commerce Department. *(let u)*

ACTION: The foregoing is for your information.

The technical log covering this conversation is attached here-  
to. *(du)*

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SAC NEW YORK - URGENT

GREGORY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REURTEL OCTOBER EIGHT, FORTYSEVEN ~~WELFRAGE~~ SHOULD  
NOT BE REINTERVIEWED BY YOUR OFFICE IF HIS ATTORNEY INSISTS UPON BEING PRESENT  
AT THE INTERVIEW.

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Mr. Rosen	.....
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Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
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*Wash DC*

WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 10 8 421 PM

DIRECTOR ..... URGENT

GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. REBULET SEPT. TWENTIETH FORTYSEVEN,  
RELATIVE TO REINTERVIEWING CEDRIC BELFRAGE. [REDACTED]

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ASST. TO AG T. J. DONEGAN ADVISED BELFRAGE HAS SECURED AN  
ATTY AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THIS ATTY MAY DESIRE TO BE PRESENT  
WHEN BELFRAGE IS REINTERVIEWED. REPORT AND POLICY REQUESTED AS TO WHETHER BELFRAGE SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS ATTY IF SUCH AN OCCASION ARISES.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(RICHARD SASULY AND MARTIN POPPER)

DATE: October 7, 1947

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Reference is made to your letter dated August 13, 1947 in the above entitled case in which [REDACTED]

Please be advised that in the early part of September of this year Special Agent VINCENT W. HUGHES of this office ascertained through a highly confidential source of information [REDACTED]

It should be pointed out that both DICK SASULY and MARTIN POPPER have been in Europe within the last few years and it is also believed that BILL GREEN has been in Europe. [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI

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Director, FBI

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A review of the files of the Washington Field Office indicates that in the case entitled Gregory, Espionage + R, a report was submitted by the Albany Office containing information on JEAN HINTON to the effect that

[REDACTED]

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- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg ✓
- Mr. Glavin ✓
- Mr. Ladd ✓
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- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

October 13, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Edward H. Gregory

Congressman Rees called the writer in Mr. Glavin's absence apparently to express his concern that the Bureau may feel criticism was directed at it in connection with the headline appearing in the late edition of the Evening Star concerning a known Communist being kept on the Government payroll as a \$10,000 a year official. He wanted the Director to know that there was no criticism meant toward the FBI at all.

A perusal of the article itself does not appear derogatory or critical of the FBI, although the headline is somewhat misleading.

Congressman Rees indicated that he might call the Director in the morning personally to convey this message to him.

Respectfully,

N. P. Callahan

N. P. Callahan

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the Star!

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**CONFIDENTIAL**

TO : DIRECTOR, F. E. I.

DATE: 10-7-47

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Ladd .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
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- Mr. Tracy .....
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- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Mohr .....

On October 1, 1947 SA BILL RYAN of the WFO advised that an unknown individual, staying at an unknown hotel in Pulaski, called either CHARLES KRAMER or HERR SHIMMEL, who works in the office of Senator CLAUDE PEPPER. Mr. RYAN requested the identity of the unknown individual staying in the hotel in Pulaski be determined.

Telephone number 2-1571 in Pulaski, Virginia is the Maple Shade Inn. Mr. M. E. RITSCH, the manager, is very reliable. He produced hotel registration card 2618, reflecting that a PALMER, 728 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. arrived at room 326 at 1:50 P.M. September 30th and checked out early on the morning of October 2nd.

WEBER was described as white, young, wears glasses and has shifty eyes. WEBER contacted the hotel desk on the morning of October 1st and appeared concerned about a collect call he was expecting from Washington, D. C. He also made inquiry from an unidentified phone in the City of Pulaski as to whether the room clerk had a T. LEADER registered there. He was advised that LEADER had a reservation for Friday, October 3rd. LEADER was described as a labor organizer by Mr. RITSCH.

At 3:00 P.M. on October 1st, WEBER made a phone call to his wife in Washington, D. C., advising her to have a man, whose name began with the letter "S", and may be something like "SHERNEY" (not SHIMMEL) to call PALMER WEBER collect, immediately at Pulaski, telephone number previously mentioned.

Between 6:00 and 7:00 P. M. a collect call from Washington reached WEBER.

Notations on instant registration card indicated only two long distance calls had been placed on the bill, each in the amount of \$1.50 would be for a five minute call.

Contacts at the C. & P. Telephone Company, Pulaski, indicate that the billing will not be through that office until mid-November. Contacts with the telephone company in Richmond advise that the bills will not be through until early November.

No further action will be taken unless Washington Field Office specifically instructs. RUC

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MR. BREWSTER

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# CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

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ALGER HISS  
PRESIDENT

*file Gregory Case 16337*

*White*  
*[Signature]*

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Very sincerely yours,

*Alger Hiss*

Alger Hiss  
President

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## ARMED FORCES AND ATOMIC CONTROL

HOW CAN nations feel secure from attack so long as nations around them are heavily armed? How can nations agree to disarm unless they feel secure from attack? The twin problems of security and disarmament thus form a vicious circle. For some while, the United Nations has attacked this circle by the only method that is apparently possible at present,—by nibbling away simultaneously at various portions of its circumference. During the past month, especially, this effort has constituted the most conspicuous, though not the most fruitful, feature of U.N. activities. Three different groups, concerned with different portions of the circle, have met frequently:

- The Security Council
- The Atomic Energy Commission
- The Commission on Conventional Armaments.

These groups have almost identical membership and use in rotation the same Council Chamber at Lake Success. Thus, many of the same faces have appeared day after day around the same table to discuss different aspects of the same important problem.

The weakness of the League of Nations proved to be that the Covenant made no provision for an international force to carry out its decisions. On paper, the Charter of the U.N. corrects this deficiency by providing for United Nations forces to be put at the disposal of the Security Council. On June 4, for the first time, the Council took up the problem of how to translate this provision into men, guns, tanks, planes, and all the forms of equipment, munitions, bases and supplies needed for an effective modern striking force.

For advice on military requirements, the Security Council's Military Staff Committee, composed of high-ranking generals and admirals of each of the Big Five. Over a year ago,

the Security Council asked this Committee to draw up preliminary plans regarding the forces needed. The first steps to be taken would be the reaching of decisions on basic principles regarding the organization and equipment of these forces. The second step would be to fix their total or "overall" strength. Next, the size of the contributions of each Member nation would have to be determined. Then, presumably, the Security Council would proceed to negotiate special agreements with the Member nations, formally listing the "armed forces, assistance and facilities" which these nations would agree to make available to U.N. whenever the Security Council might call upon them.

The Military Staff Committee submitted its first report on May 3. It dealt only with the first of these steps. Its outstanding feature was its clear presentation of the basic principles on which there must be agreement before a U.N. armed force can be established. On only a few of these basic principles were the five generals themselves able to reach agreement. Can the Security Council itself now iron out the disagreements on the others?

The most difficult stumbling block has been the so-called "principle of equality." In the words of the Chinese delegate, should the big powers contribute "a man for a man, a tank for a gun, a plane for a plane and a ship for a ship" or is it sufficient that their contributions be "comparable" but not necessarily numerically equal at every point? The Soviet delegate insisted on the principle of equality. He argued that failure to adopt it may lead "to a predominant position of some states and might also lead to the 'use of the . . . armed forces in the interests of individual powerful States and to the detriment of legitimate interests of other countries.'" The other delegates, except that of Poland, favored the opposite point

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**FRANCIS B. SAYRE, U. S. Representative on the Trusteeship Council of U.N. says of the NEWS:**

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and, in the same connection . . .

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**ROBERT A. GRAHAM, S. J., Editor of "America" says of the NEWS:**

**"Your editors employ great care in the gathering and digesting of data and they produce material that cannot be found elsewhere in such useful form."**

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# Office Memorandum

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: September 26, 1947

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Interviews)

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from the Director, dated September 20, 1947, which refers to interviews conducted in this case at night time.

You will recall that when the original group was interviewed in Washington in April, 1947, these interviews were conducted after working hours, either at the subjects' homes or in the field office. This procedure was decided upon since it was not deemed advisable to interview subjects at their places of employment in the day time, particularly those then employed in Government offices.

The Director in the attached memorandum has instructed that in the future when interviews are conducted for information purposes only and the persons interviewed are not subject to arrest, that the interviews be conducted in the day time and preferably in field offices or at the place of business of the person to be interviewed.

The Director further instructed that the field offices be informed of these instructions for further guidance.

ACTION

There is attached hereto a Bureau Bulletin setting out the Bureau's policy in connection with interviews of persons not subject to arrest.

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**United States Department of Justice**  
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New Haven, 10, Connecticut  
October 11th, 1947

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: *G* GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Bureau File 65-56402

Reference is made to letter from the New York Office to the Bureau dated October 7th, 1947, in the above captioned matter, wherein the Bureau was advised that Confidential Informant [redacted], which covered the office of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN in New York City, was discontinued on September 26, 1947. *(S) u*

*b2 b7D*

The recommendation contained in the second paragraph of referenced letter has been followed by this office, and accordingly the Bureau is respectfully advised that [redacted] was discontinued at 1:00 PM on October 10th, 1947. *(S) u*

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Very truly yours,

*b2 b7D*

*J. J. Gleason*  
J. J. Gleason  
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE <b>GREGORY (ABRAHAM BROTHMAN)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

MILICENT GERSON still employed Technical Library, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, AEC, Oak Ridge. Re-contact with reliable sources of information and confidential informants, made with negative results regarding any suspicious activities on the part of GERSON. Mail cover revealed she received letter from New York City with return address "Osseman, 25 Fort Washington Avenue, New York 32, New York".

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent SCOTT ALDEN dated March 25, 1947  
Bureau Letter to Knoxville dated May 12, 1947  
Report of Special Agent WILBERT W. SMITH dated July 21, 1947

**DETAILS:**

AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

H. L. PATTERSON, Security Officer, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation (NEPA Division), was re-contacted by the writer in an effort to secure any additional information regarding possible suspicious activities on the part of GERSON. He was unable to furnish any information of value pertinent to this investigation.

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GEORGE F. HAMBY, Senior Investigator, Security Office, (NEPA) was also re-contacted by the writer with negative results regarding GERSON'S activities.

Repeated contact has been made with reliable sources of information and confidential informants of Oak Ridge with negative results regarding any possible subversive activities on the part of subject GERSON.

Mr. G. E. DOWLING, Postmaster, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has advised that Miss GERSON received a letter post marked August 6, 1947, New York City, with return address as follows:

~~X~~ Osseman  
25 Fort Washington Avenue  
New York 32, New York"

The mail cover failed to reflect any other correspondence of possible value in connection with this investigation.

It should be noted that subject MILLICENT GERSON has been investigated by this Bureau in connection with the Atomic Energy Act Applicant and Employee Program. The Bureau File No. 116-19745. Investigation by this office in connection with the above failed to develop any derogatory information.

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NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE:

AT NEW YORK CITY: Will attempt to locate and evaluate the origin of the letter sent subject GERSON, and postmarked August 6, 1947, New York City, with return address as follows:

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Washington Field Office  
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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Director, FBI

RE: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

From a confidential source of known reliability,

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The foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes, particularly in view of the fact that the confidential source mentioned in the first paragraph feels there is quite some possibility of newspaper publicity.

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very truly yours,

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*Guy Mottel*

GUY MOTTEL  
SAC

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TO : Mr. Ladd *DL*

Call: 10:10 A.M.

DATE: September 23, 1947

FROM : J. P. Coyne *JPC*

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gandy

At the above time I took a call from Special Agent Joseph Kelly of the New York Office, who advised that Mr. Tom Donegan was desirous of ascertaining immediately as to when the Communist Party, USA was declared subversive by the Department. I advised Mr. Kelly that the Communist Party, USA was declared subversive by the Department of Justice on June 30, 1941.

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TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.  
 FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN  
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For the information of the Bureau and the offices receiving copies of this memorandum

[REDACTED SECTION]

This informant was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this, and it is not known whether WEINSTEIN referred to could possibly be Dr. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN who is believed to be involved in the Gregory case.

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM  
FROM : D. M. Ladd  
SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

DATE: October 21, 1947

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ASAC Belmont called and stated that he was worried about the mounting publicity in connection with the Grand Jury hearing in the Gregory Case. He stated that Norma Abrams had come into the Office and asked where it had come from. She pointed out that if the press in New York had printed similar stories, the New York reporters would have been called before the Grand Jury in contempt.

Mr. Belmont assured Miss Abrams that the Bureau was not putting out any stories concerning this matter.

DML:FA

*get over emotionally  
that leaflet  
coming from FBI.*

*Schedule continued  
and advised  
absolutely no comment  
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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 20, 1947

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: GREGORY;  
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Reference is made to the attached clipping from the "Baltimore Sun" dated September 20, 1947, concerning a speech made by Henry A. Wallace at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the night of September 19. Wallace charged that the FBI is presently conducting a campaign of terror against "liberal" Government employees that is "reminiscent of the early days of Adolf Hitler". He asserted that "old friends and co-workers from my years in Washington report to me that Agents of the FBI are conducting a campaign of terror unequalled in our history. They are awakening liberal Government employees in the middle of the night and interrogating them at great length".

Your attention is invited to the attached memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated September 19, 1947 concerning a statement made in the August 8 issue of the "United States News" that "Complaint is being heard that FBI Agents are routing out Government officials at all hours to ply them with questions in a loyalty examination". Mr. Nichols advised that [redacted]

[redacted] who is a known contact of numerous subjects in the Gregory Case.

In view of these repetitious statements, it is possible that Wallace obtained his information from the same source, or from two of his former advisors in the Commerce Department, namely subjects Edward Joseph Fitzgerald and Harry S. Magdoff. These subjects were interviewed at 9:30 p.m. on April 15, 1947, subsequent to a social engagement which they had in downtown Washington. Two other subjects, Bela and Sonie Gold, were interviewed at their home at 9:40 p.m. upon their return from a movie. You will recall that the first group of interviews were all made on the night of April 15, 1947.

**ACTION:**

The foregoing is submitted for your information and clarification of the attached article.

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*As I have SAC letter #136 went out on this 10/8/47  
want all night interviews to cease wherever possible*

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# Wallace And Taft Assail Administration Policies

## Former Charges 'Campaign Of Terror' By FBI; Latter Attacks 'Planned Inflation'

Henry A. Wallace and Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) yesterday assailed policies of the Truman Administration, the former Vice President charging the FBI is conducting a Hitler-like "campaign of terror" against "liberal" Government employes and the Senator attacking what he called the Administration's policy of "planned inflation."

### Wallace

By HOWARD NORTON

[Sen Staff Correspondent]

Philadelphia, Sept. 19—Henry A. Wallace charged here tonight that the FBI is conducting a campaign of terror against "liberal" Government employes that is "reminiscent of the early days of Adolf Hitler."

Warning an audience of more than 13,000 at Convention Hall that Americans are in danger of losing their political liberties, the former Vice President declared:

"Old friends and coworkers from my years in Washington report to me that agents of the FBI are conducting a campaign of terror unequalled in our history."

'Awakened At Night'

"They are awakening liberal Government employes in the middle of the night and interrogating them at great length."

"These actions are being kept quiet, he continued, adding:

"We must demand an end to this silent reign of terror. We must return to American principles."

Wallace accused President Truman of fostering war hysteria in ordering the immediate swearing in of James V. Forrestal as Defense Secretary a week ahead of schedule.

He repeated the charge he made last week in Madison Square Garden that Wall Street and the Army are running the country. He reiterated the threat to organize a third party if the Democratic party refuses to adopt "liberal" principles.

Wallace spoke tonight under the auspices of the Eastern Pennsyl-

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### Taft

By DEWEY L. FLEMING

[Chief of Washington Bureau]

San Francisco, Sept. 19—Senator Robert A. Taft tonight closed eight days of presidential soundings in California and headed eastward to Nevada.

The climax of the visit was the Senator's attack on what he calls the Truman Administration's policy of "planned inflation," and the tendering of his own program for halting runaway prices—in an address before San Francisco's Commonwealth Club.

Outstanding Proposals

Outstanding among his proposals were:

1. Stabilization of wages and prices at some new level, perhaps 50 or 60 per cent above the 1939 level.
2. An increase of the minimum wage from the present 40 cents an hour to "at least" 60 cents.

Tells Of Oversight

Actually the Senator did not give voice to his minimum wage boost proposal in his address, although it appeared in the advance texts of the address and already was in print in local newspapers before he spoke.

At a press conference held immediately after the speech the Senator said it was an oversight that he failed to read the recommendation.

"I must have lost my place in reading my manuscript," he explained. "I now reaffirm the statement made in the text. My failure to read that part was purely accidental."

When the Senator, who is chair-

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# WALLACE CHARGES FBI 'TERROR' DRIVE

## 'Liberal' U.S. Employees Waked At Night, Quizzed, He Says

By HOWARD NORTON

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vania Chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America.

More than 9,000 tickets were sold in advance, at prices ranging from 60 cents to \$3.60. The proceeds, after paying for the hall, will go into the P.C.A. political war chest.

Wallace talked on the eve of the departure from Philadelphia of the Freedom Train, which has been on exhibit here for the last three days, and he took as his theme "The Encroachments On Our Fundamental Political Liberty."

He charged that the "monopoly capitalists" are undermining civil liberties at home and abroad "in the name of stopping communism and defending democracy."

"The Americans most dominated by Moscow are the monopoly capitalists and their agents in the Administration and the Congress," Wallace said.

### 'They Fear Democracy'

"They are those who let any Russian action determine a counteraction regardless of its violation of American principles.

"They do not fear communism," Wallace shouted. "They fear democracy."

Predicting it will be said he is giving ammunition to the Communists by criticizing the inconsistency of policies at home and abroad, the former Vice President added: "Let it be clearly understood that the ammunition is not the criticism, but the condition which is criticized."

Wallace pointed a finger at Mr. Truman as one of the chief breeders of war hysteria.

"Speaking of the campaign to breed hysteria," he declared, "I know of no recent incident quite as shocking to me as President Truman's instructions from the battleship Missouri that James Forrestal be sworn in immediately as Defense Secretary because of an international emergency."

### 'Method Of Breeding War'

Pointing out that the President refused to discuss the "emergency," Wallace continued:

"I insist that if there is a genuine emergency the people have the right to an explanation.

"If there is no emergency, this action rates as the very lowest method of breeding fear.

"It is not a technique which will melt Russian stubbornness. It will certainly not endear us to peace-loving people anywhere in the world."

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[Editor's Note—The dispatch which disclosed President Truman's order for the swearing in of the new Secretary of Defense made no mention of the word "emergency." Mr. Truman's reason for the act was said to be the "general international situation."]

Wallace predicted that another depression is now "almost inevitable."

To avoid it or cushion its effects, he said, "we must return to the necessary nuisance of rationing."

He urged his audience to send copies of their grocery bills to the White House to help the President understand the simple bread-and-butter issue that is troubling most Americans.

Tonight's crowd is claimed to be the biggest to attend a political rally here in recent years, and by far the biggest on record at any such meeting where admission was charged. All seats in the great Convention Hall were taken, and hundreds of persons were standing.

### Zero Mostel Speaks

Before Wallace appeared, preliminary speakers and entertainers harangued the crowd for more than two hours.

Zero Mostel, night club comedian, made an imaginary telephone call to Moscow. He told the crowd so many people had accused him of being a Russian agent that he thought he would demonstrate how he did it.

Paul Robeson sang a song

titled "The Purest Kind of a Guy," dedicated to Henry Wallace; "Old Man River," "Joe Hill," and several others.

Then he made a speech in which he called on the Negro people to "quit scrambling for crumbs and start to fight for their rights."

### First Of Three Speeches

But Robeson got the biggest hand when he told the crowd to support Wallace, even if he has to organize a third party.

In a press conference at noon today Wallace said he is still trying to make the Democratic party over into a liberal party.

"I'm a very patient man," he said, in reply to a question as to whether he would support Mr. Truman. "But if Truman stands for war and illiberal policies, I certainly will not support him."

A current magazine article in which Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury,

states that Wallace spent more than any of the other New Deal Cabinet men and "got away with murder," was called to his attention.

Wallace said he was willing to let his agricultural program stand on its merits.

"It was well worth the money spent," he declared. "It saved the soil of the country and served us well in time of war. I don't think either party would make a political issue of the agriculture program."

Today's was the first of three Wallace speeches in the Philadelphia area this week end. He is to appear at Veterans Hall in Trenton, N.J., at noon tomorrow, and in Constitution Hall at Camden, N.J., at 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

On Monday Wallace is scheduled to address the international convention of the United Electrical Workers at the Hotel Bradford in Boston.

Clipping from the Evening Star

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

October 9, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Gregory Case

In view of the recurring publicity emanating from Henry Wallace's statement that the Bureau is waking up Government employees in the middle of the night and interrogating them, I think we should address a letter to him and ask him to advise us specifically and in detail the persons interviewed in connection with the Loyalty investigations to which he makes reference. If Wallace furnishes us names and these people are subjects in the Gregory Case, as we know they are, I think we can write him and point out they were interviewed in connection with a Bureau investigation of an espionage ring in which Grand Jury proceedings are pending. If he evades a direct answer or does not otherwise furnish us with details we are then in a position to point out where it is to our advantage to do so that we asked Wallace to furnish details which he failed to furnish.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

HANDLED BY STOP DESK

*Mr Hoover does not agree*

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: October 10, 1947

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT:

Gregory case

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to the memorandum dated October 9, 1947, from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson, relating to information received from Jim Walter, who had a blind memo written by an unnamed Catholic priest.

I called ASAC Lally, Baltimore, at 11:30 a.m. to determine if they had any known information concerning a mail drop at Westminster, Maryland. He stated they had no information. I instructed him to check to determine the identity of any known Communists at Westminster, known to the office at present or in the past, and to furnish this information as soon as it could be obtained.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

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October 17, 1947

Director, FBI

Re: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Confidential Informant GREGORY has advised this office that she is taking a month's leave of absence from her present place of employment, the Pacific Molasses Company, and anticipates leaving within a few days for a vacation in Bermuda. Her address there will be Hotel Buena Vista, Hamilton, Bermuda. According to her present plans, she will return to the States some time in the middle of November.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*

EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
SAC

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. E. A. Tamm....
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Mr. Glavin.....
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Mr. Nichols.....
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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE- R. T. J. DONEGAN TODAY TURNED OVER TO THIS OFFICE LETTER ADDRESSED TO JOHN F. X. MC GOHEY, USA SDNY, FROM ANNE TERRY WHITE UNDER DATE OF OCTOBER TWELVE LAST ADVISING THAT HER HUSBAND, HARRY ~~X~~ WHITE, IS ILL FROM HEART ATTACK AND UNABLE TO RESPOND TO SUPOENA OCTOBER TWENTY SECOND NEXT. ENCLOSED WITH LETTER WAS STATEMENT FROM EUGENE FOLDES, M. D. EIGHT NINE EIGHT PARK AVE. NYC, SETTING OUT THAT WHITE SUFFERED HEART ATTACK ON SEPTEMBER SIXTH LAST, AND AS RESULT THEREOF IS NECESSARY HE OBSERVE PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS OF REST AND MUST SPEND WINTER MONTHS IN THE SOUTH. ALSO, THAT ANY PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL STRAIN TO WHICH HE MAY BE EXPOSED BEFORE COMPLETE RECOVERY WOULD SERIOUSLY ENDANGER HIS LIFE. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF WHAT STEPS TO BE TAKEN, IF ANY, BY DONEGAN TO PURSUE WHITES APPEARANCE.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington Field Office  
Room 1706, Washington 25, D.C.

Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: GREGORY  
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For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, there is set forth hereafter a summary of conversations containing plans and suggestions to obstruct and embarrass the House Committee on un-American Activities in its forthcoming hearings pertaining to communist activities in Hollywood.

The identity of the persons involved (including individuals under current investigation) and the pattern of activities are believed to be of interest to the Bureau. A considerable portion of the material is concerning [redacted] Confidential sources and the page references (logs) are set forth.

As a matter of interest having possible bearing on later conversations, it is noted on the evening of September 16, 1947, a conference was held in the apartment residence of Senator CLAUDE PEPPER, 1661 Crescent Place, N. W., from approximately 8:30 p.m. until 3:07 a.m. In attendance were observed subject CHARLES KRAMER; MARTIN POPPER, vice president, National Lawyers Guild; HERBERT SCHIMMEL, presently with Congressman GEORGE HENDER's Subcommittee on per diem basis; and HERMAN EDELSBERG, now with Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ATTN: CRIME RECORDS

DATE: Oct 1 1947

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

GREGORY  
Gregory case

SUBJECT: HENRY A WALLACE  
MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gandy	

I am attaching hereto a copy of an editorial appearing in the "Morning Sun" of September 30, 1947, pertaining to the speech of Mr. Wallace in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at which time he made a number of comments to the Bureau.

I thought the comments contained in this editorial would be of interest to the Bureau.

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**Why Does Not Mr. Wallace  
Give Us The Specific Details?**

In his speech in Philadelphia Mr. Henry A. Wallace declared that the FBI is conducting a campaign of terror against "liberal" Government employes that is "reminiscent of the early days of Adolf Hitler." According to Mr. Wallace old friends and co-workers of his in Washington report that employes are being awakened in the middle of the night and interrogated at great length.

This is a serious charge that should not be lightly dismissed, whoever the employes may be. But obviously no action is possible on the generalizations that Mr. Wallace presented to his audience in Philadelphia. What is needed are names and dates and detailed accounts of the alleged actions of the FBI. If the situation is as bad as Mr. Wallace says it is then, surely, he and his friends should see that the facts are provided.

Indeed, if Mr. Wallace is convinced in his

own mind that the FBI is guilty of conduct reminiscent of the early days of Hitler, it is surprising that he has not himself taken the initiative in assembling the evidence and referring direct charges instead of being content merely to indulge in generalities.

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Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
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Mr. Winterrowd	.....
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Mr. Holloman	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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October 7, 1947

Director, FBI

Re: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

On September 26, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] which covered the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN in New York City, was discontinued. Special Assistant T. J. Donegan has advised that he does not contemplate calling Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN before the Grand Jury presently sitting in New York City. (u)

No information of value pertinent to the current investigation has been obtained within the past three months from Confidential Informant [redacted] which informant covers the residence of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN at Stamford, Connecticut. Since Dr. WEINSTEIN will not be called before the Grand Jury, it is recommended at this time that consideration be given to the discontinuing of Confidential Informant [redacted]. (u)

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD  
FROM : H. B. Fletcher  
SUBJECT:

DATE: October 22, 1947

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin ✓
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

At 4:05 PM today, ASAC Belmont called and read the following news item appearing in the New York Journal American for Wednesday, October 22, 1947. The article appears on page one and is entitled "U. S. Envoy under FHI Probe in Red Plot" by Howard Rushmore. The date line is Washington, October 22. The item reads as follows:

"A State Department official with the rank of Ambassador and a Government employee who worked on the Los Alamos atomic project are under investigation as members of a Communist espionage ring, it was learned today.

"Picked Department of Justice Agents are not only presenting evidence to the special Grand Jury in New York City on these persons, but on other Washington officials who are part of a Soviet conspiracy to steal America's top military secret.

"In New York the Grand Jury reconvened today at the Foley Square Court House and subpoenas have been issued for witnesses to appear today, tomorrow and Friday. High local representatives of the Communist Party are reported on the subpoena list.

"It is known that J. Edgar Hoover, FHI Director, plans about twenty-five indictments before the special Grand Jury before the end of the year, despite efforts of Democratic party leaders to have the disclosures postponed until after the Presidential election next year.

"Also involved in the Grand Jury investigations is a State Department official who is known to have been a leader of the Communist Party cell setup in Washington a decade ago by Harold Ware, member of the Red Fascist Central Committee.

"This 'cell' was planned by Russian Secret Police Agents for the sole purpose of gathering any and all information valuable to the Soviets. By a secret courier system, the information was centralized by the 'cell' members and taken to the Russian Embassy.

"The State Department official suspected of aiding the plot to pass this confidential information on to the Russians was a Presidential adviser at the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences and at San Francisco."

Mr. Belmont advised that they thought possibly the State Department official to whom he is referring may be Laughlin Currie, a subject in the Gregory case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: October 22, 1947

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: JOHN WEBER

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

reference is made to the attached newspaper clipping from the "Washington Times-Herald" dated October 22, 1947, entitled "Movie Agent Linked to Commie Plot". Further reference is made to a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated October 21, 1947, concerning the testimony of Jack Moffitt before the Un-American Activities Committee, with respect to Chalmers Goodlin and John Weber.

For your information, by letter dated March 18, 1947 the Los Angeles Office advised that John Weber, a local Communist figure, was co-editor of the Story Department at the William Morris Agency, Incorporated, Beverly Hills, California. In his position he reads and edits all manuscripts passing through the Story Department of that agency. The Los Angeles Office received information from

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In view of the Army's decision, no investigation was conducted by the Bureau.

**ACTION:** None. The foregoing is for your information and clarification.

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- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

# MOVIE AGENT

# LINKED TO COMMIE

# SPY PLOT

## Supersonic Plane Pilot Called Victim

### Quiz Uproar Causes Ejection of Lawyer

By WILLARD EDWARDS

A tale of espionage by Communist agents in Hollywood shocked the House Un-American Activities committee yesterday at the second day of hearings on subversive influences in the motion picture colony.

The afternoon session was interrupted by demonstrations from attorneys representing directors and writers under attack. Police ejected one lawyer the order of Chairman Thomas of New Jersey.

#### Notables in Spotlight

In the spotlight as witnesses were Adolphe Menjou, veteran actor; Rupert Hughes, well-known author, and John C. Moffitt, motion picture critic and script writer.

Their testimony added more than a score of names to the list of high-salaried workers in the film capital who have been accused of seeking to propagandize the American people in behalf of communism through motion pictures. Eighteen directors and writers were similarly charged Monday.

Pictures on pages 4 and 20.

The three witnesses agreed that Communism was lessening its grip in the movie industry but all the actors, directors, writers and other employees named earning from \$500 to \$5,000 a week while working to undermine the American system of government, are still employed in the industry, they noted.

The disclosure of military secrets which startled committee members. He said the case was now the subject of investigation by the FBI.

#### Committeemen Startled

The unfortunate center of this plot, according to Moffitt, was a young test pilot, "Slick" Goodlin, who was much publicized early this year as the operator of the Army's new supersonic speed plane, the XS-1.

Goodlin was induced to come to Hollywood, Moffitt said, by John Weber, head of the literary department of the William Morris agency, a "talent organization" which specializes in the "sale" of actors and actresses and story plots to the motion picture studios.

#### Confidential Data Given

Weber, Moffitt declared, was under orders from Communist party headquarters in New York. He told Goodlin, according to the testimony, that the pilot had "a wonderful story to sell" regarding the new plane.

Goodlin protested, Moffitt said, that he was under military supervision.

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## Pilot of Supersonic Craft Called Victim

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vision and that any information would have to be passed by the military intelligence, and was assured that this precaution would be taken. He was asked to furnish a "sample article" concerning the plane.

"The young pilot was foolish enough to comply," Moffitt told the committee. "He gave them an article containing, I am told much confidential information. Weber got the article. Goodlin was transferred from the assignment and the FBI has now taken up the case."

Weber was active among Hollywood writers, Moffitt said, and instructed one meeting of motion picture authors how to get "anti-Fascist" literature into the popular magazines, boasting that Collier's magazine had printed such articles in recent months.

#### Red Cards Admitted

Moffitt also read into the record portions of an investigation by the Hollywood Reporter, a trade magazine, which asked a number of film notables the direct question: "Are you a member of the Communist party, card No. \_\_\_\_\_?" presumably based on information gathered.

Among the writers who neither answered nor denied the implication membership in the Communist party, Moffitt reported, were the following:



Albert Maltz, writer, No. 48,062; Dalton Trumbo, writer, No. 36,805; Gordon Kahn, No. 48,294; Ring Lardner jr., No. 25,109; Richard J. Collins, No. 11,148; Harold Buchman, No. 46,802; Lester Cole, 46,803; Henry Myer, 25,065; William Palmer, no number given; Harry Raff, 25,113; Harold Salenson and John Wexley, no numbers given.

A number of those thus mentioned were in the audience, waiting to be called as witnesses, and Charles J. Katz, one of the six attorneys representing them, jumped up.

#### "Put That Man Out"

"Mr. Chairman, I represent a number of these persons," he shouted. "Do you want a fair hearing—?"

The chairman banged his gavel. Katz continued to shout. Thomas repeated what he had said Monday, that all the witnesses would be given a chance to testify when their turn came.

"Put that man out of the room," Thomas finally ordered when Katz continued to yell and four policemen hustled Katz to the door.

A little later, Bartley C. Crum, another of the attorneys, staged a similar demonstration.

"This is an un-American hearing!" he shrieked. He subsided when police moved in and was not ejected.

Both Katz and Crum have defended Communist party members in recent court cases, committee investigators said.

#### Red Methods Described

Moffitt, who said he has spent years investigating communism in Hollywood during his labors as a script writer there, proceeded to give more names of persons he characterized as party line followers.

His list included Frances Milington, head of the Paramount Studio Story Analyst section; Simon Maise, her assistant; Bernie Gordon, also with Paramount; Naomi and Davie Robison, "readers" in the Warner Brothers studio; Thomas Chapman, of Enterprise studio; Michael Uris, of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer; Jessie Byrnes and ona Packer, studio not given.

Moffitt testified at length concerning the manner in which Communist followers injected propaganda into motion pictures. He asked that he be permitted to name Communist-flavored productions in executive session because "million-dollar productions are involved and I hesitate to do anyone injustice." The committee agreed.

"They employ the drop of water technique," Moffitt said. "Just a small scene is enough to belittle Congress, smear the priesthood or the ministry, undermine faith in the free enterprise system."

Hughes, now 75 years old, advocated, like the other witnesses, outlawing of the Communist party. He said a Communist could be detected by his activities, views and associates.

#### "Screen Guild Dominated"

"Those 19 gentlemen back there," he said, referring to the waiting writers and directors, "have already labeled themselves as Communists by their attitudes."

"The Screen Writers Guild is absolutely Communist-dominated," he testified. "Writers who are anti-Communist have been driven to starvation in Hollywood because they can't get employment. The producers are responsible. They have been unjustifiably lax in clearing out men earning \$2,000 to \$5,000 a week who are known to be Communists."

"The producers are afraid to make an anti-Communist picture," he told the committee. "I was approached some time ago by Warner Brothers to make a picture ridiculing communism. Al Jolson, a stockholder, was enthusiastic. I was paid \$15,000 to furnish a 5,000-word plot."

"Then Hal Wallis, associate producer, heard of it and said it was insane even to think of such a thing. The Communists would put a stinkpot in every theater where the film was shown, he said. I still have both the \$15,000 and the story."

#### "Threatened by Red's Wife"

Hughes said he had been told that Carveth Wells, the explorer, sold motion pictures he made in Russia to Sol Lesser, a producer, and that Lesser was planning a production when he was threatened by "the wife of a prominent Communist."

"If you show that picture, we will cut up the upholstery and destroy every theater where it is shown," Hughes quoted the woman as saying.

Menjou, tastefully attired in a brown suit with white pencil stripe, barked his testimony in the rapid-fire style familiar to movie-goers. There was loud and prolonged applause when he concluded.

He gave his birthplace as Pittsburgh, his age as 57. He has spent 34 years in the moving picture industry, 27 of them in Hollywood, he said. He enlisted as a

private in the first World War, rose to officer rank and spent two years in France.

Communist propaganda in the movies is subtle, he said, often pointed up by a mere glance, an inflection of the voice, or a grimace. But "Mission to Moscow" and "North Star" were blatantly communistic films which "should never have been made."

"They were thoroughly dishonest pictures," Menjou told the committee. "They distorted the facts and deceived the people about Russia. Fortunately both pictures were unsuccessful."

#### No Anti-Red Picture

"No anti-communistic picture has ever been made. I think such a picture would be tremendously successful and its success would cause others to be made."

Committee counsel Robert E. Stripling referred to Monday's testimony by Sam Wood and Jack L. Warner in which five directors and 13 script writers were labeled as communistic propagandists.

"I know a great many in Hollywood who act an awful lot like Communists," said Menjou. "John Cromwell, the director, told me in a conversation in his home that capitalism in America was finished and I would see the day when it was through."

"Cromwell makes \$250,000 a year and owns a great deal of Los Angeles and Hollywood real estate. He has profited under the capitalistic system yet he hates it." He said he didn't know if Cromwell was a Communist, but "he acts an awful lot like one."

Herbert K. Sorrell, head of the conference of Hollywood studio unions and president of the Painters' union, was a Communist party member under the name of Herbert K. Stewart, Menjou testified. He produced a photostatic copy of a party card bearing the name of Stewart, which, he said, had been studied by handwriting experts and pronounced the signature of Sorrell. He handed it over to Stripling.

#### Disastrous Film Strike

"I would be very suspicious of people who support Sorrell's acts," he continued. "We have had a long and disastrous strike in Hollywood and Sorrell has been responsible for almost incredible brutality, beatings and violence. It has been an outrageous performance. God help Hollywood if a man like Sorrell gets control." "At a guild meeting a year ago, an effort was made by the Screen



Actors' guild, headed by Ronald Reagan, to settle the strike. Sorrell opposed it.

His side was supported by Edward G. Robinson, Hume Cronyn, Alexander Knox and Paul Henreid."

Communist party members in the movie colony, Menjou said, are unquestionably agents of the comintern in Moscow.

"They are definitely engaged in treasonable activities," he commented.

Menjou recommended outlawing of the Communist party by Congress because "it is not a political party but a conspiracy to take over the government by force."

"I have been attacked as a witchhunter and Red-baiter," he remarked. "I'm a witchhunter if the witches are communists and a Red-baiter, too. I think we should send them all to Russia. I think a taste of Russia would cure 'em."

"The Russian people are completely enslaved. Molotov and Vishinsky are enslaved. Mr. Stalin would just as soon kill them as look at them."

He said Stalin got rid of Lenin and Gorky.

"He acted a great deal like Mr.

Capone," Menjou said. "He committed the murders, then he killed the witnesses."

Committee members asked the witness' opinion why script writers like Dalton Trumbo, Lester Cole and Donald Ogden Stewart, receiving from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a week, should uphold the communistic system.

"We have crackpots, political idiots and the lunatic fringe in California," was the reply. "But there has been an amazing change in California since this committee started its work. If people will only take the trouble to read about the horrors of the Soviet

system and compare them with our system, they will wake up. If capitalism does as well in the next 50 years as it has in the past 50 years, there'll be no trouble at all."

"What is your impression," asked Rep. Vail (?) of Illinois "of those actors, some of them waiting here to be called as witnesses, who attack these hearings as a 'smear' and an attempt at movie censorship?"

"They're innocent dupes, some of them," said Menjou. "I'm sorry for them. Others have a definite purpose in mind. Anyone making such a statement hasn't the intelligence of a louse."

Urged to give a "test of communistic sympathizers," Menjou said that "anyone who attends the meetings of Paul Robeson and who isn't ashamed to listen to the communism there has no excuse."

Menjou disagreed with Louis B. Mayer, head of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, who Monday recommended that the employment of Communists in industry be regulated

"I don't like that," he said. "It's too reminiscent of the barring of Cecil B. de Mille from the radio because he refused to contribute one dollar to a political movement. If you smoke out the Communists and label them, the public will take care of them."

Moffitt, the next witness, a scenario writer and motion picture critic for 17 years, told of his experiences after he and his wife joined the Hollywood Anti-Nazi league in 1937.

At a "star-chamber" meeting attended by Frank Tuttle, director; Herbert Bieberman, director; Gale Sondergard, actress, and Donald Stewart, he had his eyes opened to the real character of the league, he said.

"They spoke of themselves as 'we Communists,'" he said. "The purpose of the meeting was to

raise funds for the People's World, a Communist paper. My wife resigned but I stayed in for six weeks to see how the league worked.

"My most significant conversation was with John Howard Lawson, the script writer, who gave advice on how to inject Communist propaganda into films.

"Do not try to write an entire Communist picture, Lawson said, because the producers will identify it and kill it. Try to get five minutes of the party line into every picture. Choose an expensive scene with high-salaried actors and costly sets so that if the matter is discovered, the budget director will resist its elimination because of the cost.

"If you can make the message come from the mouth of someone like Gary Cooper who won't realize what he is saying, that is preferable."

At a "school for actors" in Hollywood, Lawson was quoted as giving this advice to young men and women aspirants to the screen:

"It is your duty to further the class struggle by your performance. If you're appearing in white flannels in a country club scene, try your best to look like a snob and emphasize the decadence of the scene as a reflection on society. If you're in a tenement scene, look downtrodden and a victim of existing society."

Moffitt was assigned to work with Trumbo on a picture in 1941, he said, but Trumbo, receiving \$2,000 a week, appeared at the studio only twice in a 10-week period. Trumbo explained he was busy "blocking lend-lease and war-monger Roosevelt in his capitalistic war." This was at the time of the Berlin-Moscow pact when the party line was anti-war, Moffitt remarked. The line changed on the day that Germany invaded Russia.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Oct. 16, 1947

FROM : SAC, New York

Attn: Assistant Director Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY

In accordance with the telephone conversation today between Assistant Director Ladd of the Bureau and ASAC Belmont of this office, there is being transmitted herewith a copy of the article appearing in today's New York "Sun" by EDWARD NELLOR entitled "Red Spy Ring to be Broken Soon by U. S. Agencies' Action".

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# Red Spy Ring to Be Broken Soon by U. S. Agencies' Action

## Disloyalty in Six Federal Bureaus With Fifty Americans Plotting Against Own Country Believed Traced.

By EDWARD NELLOE.  
Special to THE NEW YORK SUN.

The New York Sun Bureau,  
Washington, Oct. 16.

A Communist-controlled spy ring, which wove its disloyal tentacles into at least six governmental agencies and paid or persuaded at least fifty Americans to serve as espionage agents, will be cracked wide open soon, The New York Sun was reliably informed today.

Aids formerly in the State, Commerce and Treasury departments, Office of Strategic Services and individuals associated with the development of atomic bombs are involved in a ring which has been described by a top-ranking governmental security officer as having "gigantic proportions." The FBI for more than four years has been compiling evidence, which has been presented to the special Grand Jury sitting in New York since last June.

### Some Indictments Due.

T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney-General, and Thomas J. Donegan, a special Department of Justice assistant, in the New York office of the FBI, have handled the vital case before the Grand Jury, and it is understood that the Grand Jury is ready with indictments against some individuals involved.

Actually, the first Red cell connected with the present ring started operations in 1934 in a governmental agency. Funds were supplied from Moscow for the cell, which had its headquarters in a violin studio at Washington.

From this beginning, well-coached Communists spread into other Federal agencies, starting new cells which continued, in turn, to supply secret information to a foreign Power. This information included, in addition to the war-time secrets of the atomic bomb, proximity-fuse data, production figures on minerals, aircraft, guided missiles, and mobilization.

Several governmental agencies have been under close surveillance by the F. B. I. and other

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Reference is made to the attached clipping from "PM" dated October 20, 1947 entitled "What's Behind 'Leak' of Red Hunt Secrets?". This article which was written by I. F. Stone stated that the author had learned from persons who had been questioned that the methods used in connection with their questioning was that two FBI men questioned the suspect without a stenographer and then asked him later to sign an account of the inquiry as recalled by the Agents. Stone said that if the person questioned protested that the account given him to sign was not accurate, he was told that it would be "your word against ours" — one suspect against two FBI men. He went on to state that one of those questioned spent most of a day in a frank talk with Agents and then was dismayed at the report he was asked to sign of the purported conversation. The suspect claimed that it was inaccurate and refused to put his name to it.

Another part of the article said that a minor Government employee of old American stock was appealed to on the ground that he wasn't like the "riff-raff who had just come over."

You penned a notation to the article asking "what do we know about references to us and the interviews?".

As to the methods used in questioning subjects, you may recall that the Field was instructed that two Agents should be present during the conduct of interviews with subjects. It is believed that Stone made reference to the interview had with Harold Glasser, a Treasury Department employee who was interviewed by two Agents of the Washington Field Office immediately upon his return to this country from an assignment abroad. He was interviewed originally at his convenience in the Washington Field Office on April 30, 1947 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. at which time it was necessary for him to leave due to a prior commitment. He agreed to return at his convenience to continue the interview.

He was again interviewed on May 3, 1947 at the Washington Field Office from 10:12 A.M. to 12:25 P.M. Thereafter a statement was prepared and on May 7, 1947 he was requested to come to the Washington Field Office to sign this statement. He appeared at the Field Office at 2:00 P.M. the same day and read a prepared statement 8 pages in length. After reading the statement, he stated that he would rather call the meetings he attended with a man named Art O'Leary "social worker meetings" instead of Communist Party meetings.

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He also stated that he had not said that he was a member of the American League Against War and Fascism, but that he may have been a member. Glasser refused to sign the statement unless the changes were made in these two instances. The interviewing agents asked Glasser if he would sign the statement if the changes were made, although it was pointed out to him that he had made the statements as set out by them, and he said that he had talked to his attorney and would not sign the statement even if the changes were made. He also made stipulations to the effect that he would like his attorney to have a copy of the statement, etc. In view of his attitude, the changes were not made and the interview was terminated at 2:30 P.M. at which time Glasser left the office.

Stone's reference to a minor Government employee of old American stock who was appealed to on the ground that he wasn't like the "riff-raff who had just come over" could possibly be Duncan C. Lee, a former employee of OSS who is from a family of old American stock, the Lees being an old Virginia family.

Lee was interviewed on May 29, 1947 in his law office in Washington by Special Agents Charles G. Cleveland and W. Raymond Wannall of the Washington Field Office. Special Agent Wannall, who is presently assigned to the Bureau, has advised that in approaching Lee they mentioned that both he and his family were an American family of many generations and that his interest in the welfare of the country was the same as those of the Agents interviewing him. Wannall stated that the word "riff-raff" was not used by the Agents and neither was any comparison made between Lee and any of the other subjects. In fact, none of the other subjects were mentioned directly or by inference.

It would appear from this article that the subjects are furnishing information to such writers as Stone in an effort to discredit the Bureau and the Department so that they can build up a defense for themselves in order to sway the public and members of the Grand Jury.

Attachment

# What's Behind Plane Survivors

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### Carefully Planted Hints or Grand Jury Action Seen As Pressure Tactic

Washington Bureau

#### WASHINGTON

Who is trying to high-pressure the special New York grand jury which has been hearing evidence in a new Federal undercover "Red hunt" which began here last Spring?

This is the question raised in the Capital by what appears to be a carefully planted series of leaks last week which resulted in screaming headlines. "High U. S. Officials Linked to Red Spy Ring" in the Washington Times-Herald on Thursday and similar scare heads in the New York Mirror and the New York Sun.

#### Too Well Timed

Inquiry disclosed a curious sequence of events: The splurge in the press of grand jury secrets followed reports in authoritative quarters last week that no indictments would be returned by the New York jury.

The question raised by the timing and content of the leaks is whether someone in the Justice Dept. in close touch with the inquiry is seeking by this means to create an atmosphere in which it may be very difficult for the grand jury not to return indictments.

Washington has become accustomed to the spectacle of officials trying cases against Reds and alleged Reds in the press under circumstances which make it hard for leftists of any kind to get a fair trial in the District of Columbia.

But last week's flurry of leaks and headlines indicated that the process is now being taken a step further behind the closed doors of the grand jury room, hitherto barred from publicity by some of the oldest and most cherished traditions of Anglo-American law.

Grand jury proceedings have always been secret. The purpose, based on precedents more than 10 centuries old, is, as stated in past cases, "to protect the innocent accused, who is exonerated, from disclosure of the fact that he has been under investigation" and "to protect grand jurors . . . so that the jurors may deliberate and vote without fear that their conduct will be disclosed elsewhere."

Both purposes are being defeated by leaks to the professionally hysterical anti-Red and anti-Soviet press:

Descriptions of persons involved in the investigation, as published in those papers, have in many cases become easily identifiable.

The nature of the publicity is such as to make it appear that the grand jury will be violating its duty if no indictments are returned.

#### Designed for 3 Reasons

In some cases the secrecy of grand jury deliberations is being violated to smear, in thinly-veiled descriptions, former officials of honorable record, some of whom have been through the wringer of Red hunt investigation many times before.

Usually the easily recognizable descriptions dwell on past accusations but omit past clearances.

The "red hunt" which began here last Spring seemed designed for three purposes:

To picture the Morgenthau plan for Germany as a Red plot.

To smear Wallace and certain Senators friendly to him.

To advance a little private vendetta in which the FBI had been raising the OSS.

The methods used, as this correspondent learned from persons who had been questioned, was for two FBI men at a time to question the "suspect" without a stenographer and then ask him later to sign an account of the inquiry as recalled by the agents.

#### Dismayed At Report

If the person questioned protested that the account given him to sign was not accurate, he was told that then it would be "your word against ours"—one suspect against two FBI men.

One of those questioned spent most of a day in a frank talk with FBI agents and then was dismayed at the report he was asked to sign of the purported conversation. He claimed it was inaccurate and refused to put his name to it.

A certain tinge of anti-Semitism appeared in the inquiry and some agents seemed to think that one had to be an American of several generations ancestry to qualify as loyal.

#### He Wasn't Riff-Raff

A minor government employe of old American stock was appealed to on the ground that he wasn't like the riff-raff "who had just come over" and in two cases "Aryans" seemed to have become an object of suspicion because they had Jewish wives.

The "leaks" to the right wing press last week disclosed that a grand jury in New York has been considering cases growing out of this Red hunt since last July but they also disclosed that no indictment had yet been returned.

The first story, in Thursday's Times-Herald, said only that "high ranking officials" were "under investigation" in what a very high Government official told the paper was a case "of towering proportions."

The next day's story said these same men were "on the verge of being indicted."

Usually district attorneys can obtain indictments with little difficulty in any situation where enough of a prima facie case can be spelled out to warrant trial of the facts. There was some speculation here as to whether prosecuting authorities, as distinct from investigating authorities, were as impressed with the allegations made as the latter would like them to be.

Thus the "very high government official" who took it on himself to violate the secrecy of grand jury proceedings "predicted," according to the Times-Herald of Thursday, "that failure of the grand jury to return indictments against the persons involved would presage a complete flop of President Truman's loyalty program."

Another form of veiled threat and smear is seen in the second day's story which said: "Among those certain to be indicted, unless the Communists and their influential frontiers can block the return of true bills, is a former State Dept. official who is a pal of Jimmy Roosevelt. . . ."

This is to tell the grand jury in advance that unless true bills are returned, the jury will be smeared in the right-wing press.

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**To Sum  
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The situation, to sum up, is this:  
 ¶ If the Government has evi-  
dence of a Red plot and spy ring,  
let it obtain indictments and take  
them to trial.  
 ¶ Violation of grand jury secrecy  
is a serious offense, punishable by  
contempt and grounds for motions  
to void indictments obtained by  
bringing outside pressure on the  
grand jury.  
 ¶ The present scare campaign,  
by violating grand jury secrecy  
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the press seriously undermines one  
of the basic and traditional safe-  
guards of Anglo-American law  
against unfair and unscrupulous  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Division  
Washington, D. C.  
October 7, 1947



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FILE NO. 100-17493  
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JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL  
OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: *WHM* GUY HOTTEL, SAC  
WASHINGTON FIELD

RE: Title

GREGORY  
ABEL ROLF PLENN

Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R  
Field Office Washington Field Office  
Symbol Number INFT [redacted]  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or Microphone) Technical *b2 b7D*

1. Subject's name and address:

ABEL ROLF PLENN  
Apt. 6, 1511 Park Road, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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2. Location of technical operation:

Chastleton Apartments  
16th & R Streets, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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3. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized - August 27, 1946  
Installed - August 28, 1946

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4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

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5. Specific valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and what use was made of each item of information involved:

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6. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No

7. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No

9. Manpower and costs involved:

Maintained at a regularly established plant.

10. Remarks (By SAC):

In the past this source has supplied a regular volume of information concerning subject and other individuals of interest in this case. It is pointed out that the source has advised that ABEL and DORIS PLENN expect to move to New York City in the relatively near future. It is recommended that this technical surveillance be continued until this time, after which, of course, it will be removed.

11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

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12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

In view of the type of information being received through this surveillance, it is recommended that it be continued for an additional six months pending further recommendations from the field..

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

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In connection with the incident to follow which will be discussed  
the information furnished by this informant surveillance. It is noted  
that the subject and his wife were absent from Washington during most  
of August and part of September, 1947. JOHN PLANN spent considerable  
time in New York City arranging for the publication of a new book he had  
written, while his wife, HELEN, and her daughter, EMILY, spent most of  
this same period at a summer resort in Maryland. During August and  
September, the PLANN apartment was sublet to HELEN ALDENSON and EMMET  
CORCORAN, both employees of the Foreign Information Branch of CIG until  
recently. It is of interest that these two employees have been terminated  
by CIG because of questionable loyalty.

August 3, 1947

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August 30, 1947

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September 20, 1947

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September 21, 1947

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October 2, 1947

CATHERINE HURLEY had a lengthy conversation with DORIS PLENN, in which they discussed such individuals as DEWITT ELDRIDGE of George Washington University and his wife, HOPE, ANNE KYDD of the King Smith School, MARTIN POPPER, of the National Lawyers' Guild, and others. The chief topic of conversation on this occasion concerned the fall lecture series which is being organized at the King Smith School. CATHERINE pointed out that ANNE KYDD has arranged some seventeen lectures, including very interesting people from "Fascists to Communists" and among the speakers scheduled to lecture are such persons as MORRIS ERNST, LEON BERKHEAD (phonetic), MARTIN POPPER, ROBERT WEAVER, CLAUDE PEPPER and BOB TAFT. It is to be noted that CATHERINE HURLEY is considered generally pro-Communist and there has been considerable indication that the political philosophy course at the King Smith School, which last year was conducted by PALMER WEBER, also of interest in this case, appeared to have a strongly pro-Communist bent. It is further noted that DEWITT ELDRIDGE and MARTIN POPPER have been of considerable interest in the GREGORY investigation and both of them appear to have strong pro-Communist sentiments.

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October 4, 1947

CATHERINE HURLEY had a conversation with ABEL and DORIS PLENN, at which time CATHERINE asked DORIS to tell her about a meeting to be held that evening in Chevy Chase. DORIS explained the meeting was to be held at 3736 Kanawha Street, which is the residence of MARK and EUGENIA BAKER, both of whom have previously been identified as Communist sympathizers. DORIS commented that the meeting is in honor of Mrs. MANNING, who is in Washington under the auspices of the American Abraham Lincoln Brigade. MANNING is apparently identical with the British member of Parliament who has been in the United States speaking in favor of the anti-Franco forces.

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On this same date, GREGORY DOLBIN, of the Russian Embassy, spoke to ABEL PLENN and indicated he wished to see him. It was agreed that Mr. and Mrs. DOLBIN would visit the PLENNs at their apartment on the following evening. This meeting was covered by physical surveillance and confirmed the aforementioned plans. (S) U

October 5, 1947

ABEL PLENN spoke to MERCER COOK of Howard University. The conversation was quite long and friendly and indicated that PLENN is continuing his friendly relationship with COOK. It is to be noted that COOK includes a number of Communist sympathizers and suspected Communists among his friends and associates. It is also of interest to note that in this conversation PLENN commented that he expected to be in Washington for about ten days, after which time he and his wife definitely expect to move to New York City. (S) U

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: October 2, 1947

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title GREGORY

Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R  
Field Office Washington Field Office  
Symbol Number [redacted]  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or Microphone) Technical

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1. Subject's name and address:  
ROBERT TALBOT MILLER, III  
3223 Northampton Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

5-17-83  
Classified by SP5RJC/pat  
Declassify on: OADR

2. Location of technical operation:  
Chastleton Apartments  
16th and R Streets, N. W.

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ON 9-17-88  
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3. Dates of initial authorization and installation  
Authorization: July 15, 1944  
Installation: November 17, 1945

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4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

August 5, 1944, to September 21, 1945  
Same location as above-stated 2.

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5. Specific valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and what use was made of each item of information involved:

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6. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No.

7. Has security factor changed since installation?

No.

8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No.

9. Manpower and costs involved:

None. Handled by established plant.

10. Remarks (By SAC):

In view of the fact that ~~MILLER~~ is presently engaged in public relations work of some nature with ~~RANDY PELTUS~~, another subject of this case, and [REDACTED] it is believed the productivity of this technical installation will continue.

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11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

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12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

In view of the type of information being received through this surveillance, it is recommended that it be continued for an additional six months pending further recommendations from the field..

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

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5. On August 18, 1947, MILLER informed RANDY FELTUS that DUNEY AIKMAN had a party for a girl by the name of LYNCH and she asked MILLER whether he (MILLER) and RANDY FELTUS were associated and BOB informed her that they were. RANDY told BOB to mention to LYNCH RANDY'S connection at the Treasury, also the KAISER connection and the ROOSEVELT stuff.

On the same date, MILLER inquired of EDWARD HARRIS, Woodley 2800, how HELEN GARAGAN DOUGLAS could be reached. ED suggested BOB consult a Congressional Directory.

On August 23, 1947, BARRY LEROY informed JENNIE MILLER to say that he had contacted (CHARLIE) KRAMER about a job for FLO LEVY. KRAMER suggested LEVY come to see him. BARRY stated that KRAMER was a nice fellow but is neurotic and "flies off the handle" sometimes.

On September 9, 1947, MILLER contacted BEL RODMAN stating that he (MILLER) would contact SHE RODMAN the following weekend.

On September 15, JENNIE MILLER contacted SHURA LEWIS, subject of a separate case in this office, regarding the condition of POLYKABRICHT, who was injured by being struck by a car when returning from a party at HELEN LLEY's, also subject of a separate case in this office.

On September 16, JENNIE MILLER contacted Dr. HALEY HEDGOTT stating that she had stopped at HEDGOTT's residence the previous evening but that nobody was home. HEDGOTT stated that he had married NAH yesterday and bought a home on New Hampshire Avenue.

On September 26, JENNIE MILLER contacted the school where her child attends and stated that they (MILLERS) may possibly be moving to New York City in two to three months.

On September 30, 1947, MILLER contacted ABE FORTAS and stated that he (MILLER) was an old friend of a friend of FORTAS' named JACK FAHY. MILLER stated that he desired to see FORTAS urgently that morning. Inasmuch as FORTAS had to leave for New York promptly, he finally persuaded MILLER to discuss his problem over the telephone. MILLER then informed FORTAS that he (MILLER) had to appear before the Grand Jury in New York City October 1 at 10:30 A. M. FORTAS suggested MILLER contact FORTAS' partner, PAUL PORTER, in New York, who was working "on these State Department things." (This apparently refers to the recent State Department discharges of MCCROCK BORA and others on loyalty charges.) It was finally decided that MILLER and FORTAS were to contact each other when FORTAS returned to Washington, D. C., the same evening. MILLER later met FORTAS around 7:30 P. M. and remarked that he had a good talk with him. MILLER left for New York City on the 9 P. M. train.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: October 28, 1947

TO : THE DIRECTOR  
FROM : D. M. LADD  
SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

*[Handwritten initials]*

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the attached article by Howard Rushmore entitled, "Red on Senator's Staff Probed". The article mentions that Department of Justice agents are investigating the activities of a Washington left-winger who is on the staff of a prominent Democratic Senator. It stated that the investigation is part of the special Grand Jury inquiry into Soviet Espionage. The article states that evidence has been obtained showing that the Senator's employee was in contact with members of the underground "cell" maintained by the Communists in Washington. It said that this employee worked with other "Reds" who had wormed their way into executive jobs in various Government Agencies and that "cell" was formed as a "clearing house" for military information. It went on to state that each member of the "cell" was assigned a job of stealing documents, blueprints, and copying diplomatic reports which were brought to weekly "cell" meetings and then turned over to a courier who relayed them to the Russian Embassy.

Mention was made of secret meetings at a farm near Quakertown, Pennsylvania, which served as a center for the espionage ring and was used as a "mail drop" during the war by Communist agents at the Los Alamos Atomic Project.

In conclusion the article stated that a national officer of the CIO, who has often been regarded as the "brain truster" of the CIO's Communist minority, was working closely with this Communist unit.

You attached a routing slip and inquired, "What are the facts regarding this?"

You may recall that on October 9, 1947, James Walter of the Washington "Times Herald" turned over to Mr. Nichols a blind memorandum concerning numerous subjects in the Gregory Case and other individuals previously reported as active in a Communist underground parallel in the 1930's. The contents of this memorandum were substantially the same as the information furnished the Bureau by Whittaker Chambers in 1942, when Chambers acted as a courier for Alexander Stevens, alias J. Peters. Chambers mentioned among others active in this underground parallel, the name of Charles Kramer, a subject in the Gregory Case and presently a close associate and advisor to Senator Claude Pepper of Florida. Another name mentioned by him was Lee Pressman presently council for the CIO. Although Pressman is not a subject in the Gregory Case, he is being investigated in that case as a contact of numerous subjects.

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It is believed that Rushmore referred to Kramer in the first part of his article as the "left-winger who is on the staff of a prominent Democratic Senator," and further referred to Pressman in the last paragraph of his article as the "individual who is working closely with this Communist unit" and whom he described as a "national officer of the CIO." James Walter's blind memorandum also mentioned a woman named Hedda or Hetta Gumperts whose husband's name is Paul Messing, a member of the German Communist Party. The Gumperts were described as having a farm near Quakertown, Pennsylvania. You may recall that Hedi and Paul Messing are known Soviet Espionage Agents and they have been thoroughly and exhaustively interviewed by our New York Office and have furnished considerable and valuable information relative to Soviet Espionage.

This farm at Quakertown, Pennsylvania is undoubtedly the one referred to in the article by Rushmore.

Mr. Nichols advised in his memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated October 10, 1947, that Ed Neller of the "New York Sun" was cognizant of the memorandum in James Walter's possession.

It is possible, therefore, that Howard Rushmore may have gotten his information from Neller or Walters or some other members of the staff of their papers. It appears, however, that he has exaggerated and has resorted to some guesswork as to the extent and identity of the positions held by the persons involved in the Grand Jury investigation.

**ACTION:**

The foregoing is for your information.

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# Red on Senator's Staff Probed

## Shown in Contact With Central 'Cell'

By HOWARD RUSHMORE

Department of Justice agents are investigating the activities of a Washington left-winger who is on the staff of a prominent Democratic Senator, it was learned today.

This probe, which is part of the special Grand Jury inquiry into Soviet espionage currently going on at the Federal Courthouse here, has been conducted with utmost secrecy for the past several months by a picked squad of Federal agents.

During their investigation, these agents have obtained evidence showing that the Senator's employe was in contact with members of the underground central "cell" maintained by the Communists in the capital.

### CLEARING HOUSE.

A member of the Communist Party, this employe worked with other Reds who had wormed their way into executive jobs in the Maritime Commission, the Bureau of Standards, the Library of Congress, the State Department and other agencies.

This "cell" which was unknown to other Communist Party members, was formed as a "clearing house" for military information.

Each member of the "cell" in the various government agencies was assigned the job of stealing documents, obtaining blue prints and copying diplomatic reports.

These were brought to weekly "cell" meetings and then turned over to a courier who relayed them to the Russian Embassy.

### ALSO MET ON FARM.

So important was this Washington Red "cell" that such Communist International secret representatives met with its members both in the Capital and at a farm near Quakerstown, Pa.

This farm served as a center for the espionage ring and was used as a "maildrop" during the war by Communist agents at the Los Alamos atomic project.

Working closely with this Communist unit was a national officer of the CIO who has often been regarded as the "brain truster" of the CIO's Communist minority.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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*E.A.T.*

*What are the facts re this?*

*H.*

- See Me \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Note and Return \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- For Your Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- What are the facts? \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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